



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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May 11, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#61 MAY 11, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
CONDUIT AND PULL BOX CONSTRUCTION  
LAYTON VISTA STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project for the construction of conduit and pull boxes for future street light improvements, Layton Vista Street Light Improvement, in the unincorporated community of Altadena, find this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and call for bids.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Layton Vista Street Light Improvement, conduit and pull box construction, in the unincorporated community of Altadena, at an estimated cost between \$900,000 and \$1,100,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on June 8, 2010.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the construction of conduits and pull boxes for future street light improvements and the performance of other appurtenant work.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing infrastructure for an improved and cost-effective street lighting system for residents in the project area.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$900,000 to \$1,100,000. Funding for this project is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Unincorporated County Lighting Maintenance District No. 1687 Fund Budget.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for conduit and pull box construction, is part of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) ongoing program for street lighting construction and maintenance. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2010 and be completed in January 2011.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law,

Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15302(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 2(e) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the replacement or reconstruction of an existing utility system and/or facilities involving negligible or no-expansion of capacity.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed in the County website for upcoming bids.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing infrastructure for improved street lighting for residents in the project area.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly distinguishable.

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



NOTICE INVITING BIDS,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. OSD0000010

LAYTON VISTA STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT

FILED  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

61 of 5-11-2010

DATE

SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By [Signature], Deputy

Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By

[Signature]  
Deputy Director

4/13/10  
Date